

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 193

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Wendy Saunders, the
2020–2021 Lincoln Heights Elementary School
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Saunders is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished
herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a physical education teacher at Lincoln Heights Elementary School, Ms.
Saunders was recently named the school's 2020–2021 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting
honor for her tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many
young lives; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Saunders strives to incorporate all subjects into her physical
education classes, and she collaborates extensively with other educators through the Patriot
Patrol program, which is designed to develop student leaders, and the House System, which
boosts morale and inspires healthy competition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Saunders is a schoolwide leader and model for thoughtful and
compassionate citizenship; she spearheaded several initiatives that have led to student
involvement in fundraising and volunteer efforts with organizations such as Morristown Regional
Cancer Center, the local animal shelter, Coats for the Cold, and Food on Foot. She also
coordinated donations for much-needed renovations of the school playground; and

WHEREAS, a twelve-year educator who earned her Bachelor of Science degree from
Carson-Newman University, Wendy Saunders facilitates Jump Rope for Heart and serves as

the Coordinated School Health representative; she is also a member of the Leadership Team and sponsor of the soccer club and assists with the Girls, Inc., Summer Reading Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Saunders grew up in Bristol and currently resides in Morristown, where she attends The Avenue Church; she is grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her son, Carson; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Saunders is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Saunders truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Lincoln Heights Elementary School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Saunders epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Wendy Saunders on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Lincoln Heights Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.